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MANUFACTURING AND METHOD OF RECOVERING NANOCARBON

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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-159514, published June 13, 2000 (with English Abstract).
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 61-42318, published February 28, 1986 (with English Abstract).
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-183712, published July 5, 1994 (with English Abstract).

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4. S. Iijima, et al. "NANO-AGGREGATES OF SINGLE-WALLED GRAPHITIC CARBON NANO-HORNS," Chemical Physical Letters 309, August 13, 1999.
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-64004, published March 13, 2001 (with English Abstract).

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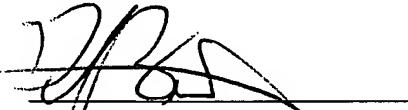
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